



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of City Planning

Date May 3, 2002

To Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject **Application for Metropolitan Council funds by City Planning**

Recommendation

Authorize the City of Minneapolis Planning Department to apply for a loan from the Metropolitan Council in the amount of \$8,800 for consultant services to complete the City's Critical Area Plan and, if approved, to increase the Planning Department Fund 0600 380 3820 by \$8,880, revenue source 0100 380 3755-04.

Previous Directives: Matching funds from the National Park Service and Metropolitan Council authorized in January 1997

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Presenter in Committee Fred Neet, City Planner

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☒ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☒ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification citywide Advisory Committee

City Goals # 1, 4, 6, 8 (see below)

Comprehensive Plan complies

Zoning Code complies

City Goals

1. Increase the city's population and tax base by developing and supporting housing choices city-wide through preservation of existing housing and new construction.
4. Create strong vital commercial corridors city-wide through mixed use development, including a variety of businesses and creative housing.
6. Preserve, enhance and create a sustainable natural and historic environment city-wide.
8. Strengthen our city through infrastructure investments.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

State of Minnesota Executive Order 79-19 requires local units of government to prepare Critical Area Plans for lands in the metropolitan Mississippi River corridor. The City Planning Department with partial support from the National Park Service and Metropolitan Council, produced a draft Critical Area Plan in 2001 to succeed the one approved in 1989. The Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service, and Metropolitan Council request substantial revisions to the plan document. However, the Planning Department lacks the required staff to comply.

The Metropolitan Council therefore proposed a no-interest loan to the City for the purpose of completing the draft Critical Area Plan. Such loan also has provisions whereby the loan can be forgiven.